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Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner  
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New York 19, New York

Dear Lloyd:

This is an addition to my letter of 8 May, concerning the one to you from Mr. Davidson, and will also reply to your 19 May letter to me.

Since I wrote you on 8 May, Mr. Davidson has kept the pot boiling hard and many things have occurred. One of the most important of these is an exchange of correspondence between him and Bob Robertson. I am enclosing a copy of the two letters they exchanged and recommend strongly that you employ the general tenor of Bob's letter in your reply to Davidson.

I am also writing the other three panel members, Alvarez, Goudsmit, and Page, and sending them copies of the Robertson/Davidson exchange. This is being done in anticipation of their being bombarded by Davidson as you and Bob have been. Perhaps a solid front erected between the panel members and Davidson will discourage him. He is taking far too much of all our time and effort.

In those cases where we have been required to correspond directly with Davidson, our reply has been merely one of acknowledging receipt and advising him that his queries had been forwarded to the Air Force for appropriate action.

Please contact me if you continue to be embroiled in this matter.

Best regards.

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Dear Dr. Alvarez:

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Please advise me in the event you become caught up in this matter.

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Dr. Luis W. Alvarez  
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Dear Dr. Page:

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Dr. Thornton Page  
The Johns Hopkins University  
Operations Research Office  
Chevy Chase  
Maryland

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May 22, 1958

Mr. Leon Davidson  
64 Prospect Street  
White Plains, New York

Dear Mr. Davidson:

It has been my lot for some years past to be called in for advice by one or another of the executive departments, and I have so far as possible responded to those requests on which I thought I could be of assistance. It is thus I became involved in the panel on UFO.

My activities in this respect resulted in an evaluation of the threat, which was made and duly reported to the requesting authority. With that my active concern with the problem ended; our results and actions consequent thereto (including disclosure) became and, so far as I am concerned, remain the concern of that authority.

You must therefore excuse me from entering into a discussion of the questions you bring up in your letter of May 18.

Sincerely yours,

H. P. Robertson

HPR:n

Dr. M. F. Robertson  
Dept. of Mathematical Physics  
California Institute of Technology  
Pasadena, California

I am told by Mr. Max Miller, of Los Angeles, that you consider as substantially correct the account of the Scientific Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects in which you participated, as given in Chapter 16 of the book "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" by E. J. Ruppelt (Doubleday, Garden City, 1956). Since you were chairman of the Panel, according to the enclosed release, I hope that you will find it possible to enlighten me on two points.

[2] On p. 291 of Rappelt's book, he quotes a paragraph which he states was the first paragraph of a document containing the Panel's conclusions, and which he states that each Panel member signed. This paragraph begins: "We as a group do not believe that is impossible for some other celestial body to be inhabited by intelligent creatures. . . . However, there is nothing in all of the. . . ."

**Abstract**